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FOLLOWING REPEAT CARACAS 6555 ACTION SECSTATE MEXICO JUL 14

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L CARACAS 6555

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PARM, XM
SUBJECT:MEXICAN ARMS RESTRAINT INITIATIVE

REF: STATE 161443

1. DURING CALL BY AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON ON FONMIN CONSALVI
JULY 13, CHARGE TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE MEXICAN INITIATIVE
BRIEFLY. CONSALVI, WHO WAS LEAVING SHORTLY FOR PANAMA,
SAID GOV REGARDS MEXICAN INITIATIVE AS WORTHWHILE. HE CONFIRMED,
HOWEVER, THAT JULY 1 INFORMATION DOCUMENT IS THE
RESULT OF VENEZUELAN EFFORTS, IN COOPERATION WITH STATE DEPT., TO SLO
W
DOWN MEXICANS AND MAKE TERMS OF REFERENCE LESS SPECIFIC, AND
THEREFORE MORE ACCEPTABLE TO WIDER VARIETY OF LA GOVERNMENTS.
CONSALVI DID NOT APPEAR TO BE AWARE OF THE TIMING OF THE PROPOSED
MEXICAN EXPLORATORY MEETING, AND THEREFORE WAS UNABLE TO SAY IF
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VENEZUELA WOULD ATTEND. HE SAID IT SEEMED PREMATURE. AT THAT POINT
HE HAD TO LEAVE FOR AIRPORT, BUT EXPRESSED INTEREST IN RENEWING CONTACT
WITH THE CHARGE EARLY NEXT WEEK.

2. ANOTHER SENIOR FORMIN OFFICIAL INDICATED HIS VIEW TO POLCOUNS
THAT MEXICANS WERE TRYING TO TAKE OVER THE AYACUCHO INITIATIVE
BY EXPANDING THE PROPOSAL PREMATURELY TO INCLUDE ALL OF LA. SINCE

VENEZUELA IS SINCERELY INTERESTED IN PROMOTING THE PRINCIPLE OF
ARMS RESTRAINT, GOV FELT BEST TACTIC WAS TO GO ALONG WITH MEXICANS
IN AN EFFORT TO GUIDE AND SHAPE INITIATIVE SO AS TO GIVE IT GREATEST
POTENTIAL FOR SUCCESS.

3. WE WILL FOLLOW UP WITH FONMIN CONSALVI UPON HIS RETURN NEXT
WEEK AND REPORT.
CROWLEY. UNQUOTE CHRISTOPHER

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